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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EG, US

SUBJECT: EGYPT ASKS FOR BIDS ON SINAI ACREAGE

REF: CAIRO A-106; CAIRO 9555

1. CHEVRON HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT IT HAS RECEIVED TWO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TENDERS FOR OIL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION BLOCKS IN AREA INCLUDING THE SINAI PENINSULA.

2. ONE OFFERING IS THE SAME PROPOSAL FOR THE 14 AREAS INCLUDED IN THE REF AIRGRAM. AS CAIRO INDICATED IN REFTTEL, DISENGAGEMENT LINES DISSECT ONSHORE ACREAGE APPROXIMATELY IN THIRDS, I.E., ONE-THIRD FALLS ON TERRITORY COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY EGYPT AND TWO-THIRDS FALL IN BUFFER ZONE. OFFSHORE AREAS WOULD NECESSITATE MINE CLEARING. BID DEADLINE ON THIS OFFERING IS MARCH 15, 1976.

3. OTHER OFFERING INCLUDES EASTERN DESERT (NON-SINAI) FROM 30 DEGREE LINE DOWN TO 28 DEGREE LINE BORDERING GULF OF  
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SUEZ. IT ALSO INCLUDES SOME ON-SHORE BLOCKS ON SINAI FROM

30 DEGREE LINE DOWN COASTLINE ON GULF OF SUEZ TO TOR.  
MAP DIFFICULT TO READ BUT APPEARS AREAS GO INTO SINAI  
FROM COAST ABOUT TEN TO TWENTY-FIVE MILES AT VARIOUS  
POINTS. BID DEADLINE ENDS FEBRUARY 1976.

4. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS PROPOSED  
GUIDANCE FOR QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE RAISED BY AMERICAN  
COMPANIES ON THESE BIDS. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY MAY  
WISH TO ASCERTAIN FROM EGPC WHETHER EGYPTIANS PLAN TO  
HAVE CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS WHICH STIPULATE THAT CONCESSION  
NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL GOE GIVES GO-AHEAD, I.E., UNTIL  
OCCUPATION OR BUFFER ZONE STATUS ENDS.

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